

REMARKS:

Status of Claims

Claims 1-78 were previously pending. Claims 1, 18, 31, 42, 53, and 62 are amended and claims 7, 11-15, 17, 24-25, 28, 30, 37-39, 41, 48-50, 52, 59-61, 68-70, and 75-78 are canceled by way of this Amendment. Thus, claims 1-6, 8-10, 16, 18-23, 26-27, 29, 31-36, 40, 42-47, 51, 53-58, 62-67, and 71-74 remain pending with claims 1, 18, 31, 42, 53, 62, 71, and 73 being independent.

Office Action

In the March 13, 2007, Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 71-74 were allowed and that claims 8, 14, 25, 38, 49, 60, and 69 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant has amended each rejected independent claim to include at least one of the allowable features of claims 8, 14, 25, 38, 49, 60, or 69 and Applicant has canceled the claims rejected under § 112. Thus, all claims should now be in a condition for allowance.

A summary of the changes to the independent claims is provided below for the Examiner's reference:

- Claim 1 has been amended to include the features of dependent claim 14 and any intervening dependent claims;
- Claim 18 has been amended to include the features of dependent claim 25;
- Claim 31 has been amended to include the features of dependent claim 38;
- Claim 42 has been amended to include the features of dependent claim 49;
- Claim 53 has been amended to include the features of dependent claim 60; and
- Claim 62 has been amended to include the features of dependent claim 69.

Conclusion

Should any questions remain, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned. Any additional fee which is due in connection with this amendment should be applied against our Deposit Account No. 501-791.

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